(b) if so, whether the French Government have extended the perod;

(c) whether the nosey has been ntfl-wed within the extended period; and

(d) what was the reason far non-util isation of loan in tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CH1MANBHA1 PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ntiitation period was extended upto 31.12.94 in the first instance and thereafter npto 30.06.1995.

(c) The loan has bean fuBy utilised by 31st March, 1993.

(d) The loan was made available to the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) through the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) for import of French diesel engines and related equipments for its Yclahanka Dksel Power Project. Delay in completion of chU works by Karnataka Electricity Board and cones ipicntial delays fca supply of equipment from France lad to delayed unbutton of the loan.

Prc-Investment fond of Fewer finance

5356. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Finance Corporation has established the Prc-Investment Fund;

(b) if so, what are the detain thereof;

(c) whether the Prc-Investment Fund has given financial assistance to any SEBs or SGCs and if so, for what purpose; and

(d) whether the SEBs or SCO have properly utilised this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CH1MANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Power Finance Corporation has established a pra-mveatment fond of US$ 20 million, with the financial assistance of World Bank. This is meant to enable SEBs to, inter-ana, conduct pre-feasibih-ty/feasibility studies detailed engineering for Power Schemes and, studies of institutional nature for the Power Sector.

(c) Power Finance Corporation ha* given financial assistance of about US$ 14.55 million to the SEBs and othev utilities from the pre-investment fond mainly for pre-feaaibthty/feasibility studies, detailed project reports, detailed design and engineering, state-wide computerisation schemes of SEBs and environmental impact assessment studies.

(d) Yes, Sir. Utilisation of the loan is being regularly monitored by PFC.

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5357. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be'pleased to sta' *y*

(a) whether it it a fact that Damodiijr Valley Corporation continues to sustain an annual toes of Rs. IS crores even though there me potentialities for earning good profits;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when the tariff was test revised by DVC;

(d) the details of the revised tariff;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Bihar State Electricity Board and West Bengal State Electricity Board have refused to accept the revised tariff; and **

(0 if to, the grounds of refusal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CH1MANBHAI PATEL): (a) No Sir, On the contrary, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) earned a net profit of Rs. 107 crores during the year 199344 and it is expected that DVC will continue to earn a similar level of profit during the year 1994-95 well.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) DVCs tariff was test revised in May, 1994 and certain modification* in